

PATENT

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Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ruff et al.

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THEREOF, AND ASSOCIATED
METHODS

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Examiner: P. Chin

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Examiner:

This Response follows the final Office Action of November 20, 2007, the shortened statutory period for response to which expires on February 20, 2008. This Response, which is being submitted on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, should be deemed to have been submitted within two months of the mailing date of the final Office Action, as January 20, 2008, fell on a Sunday and since Monday, January 21, 2008, was the Martin Luther King, Jr., federal holiday.
37 C.F.R. § 1.7.